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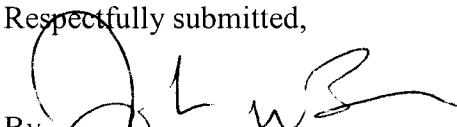
Sir:

Subsequent to the filing of the above-identified application on October 11, 2005, attached hereto is an English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/409) that should be made of record in the present application.

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